

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-39 are pending in this Application.

Claims 6-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arora (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0023111) in view of Fisher (U.S. Patent No. 6,331,858).

Claims 1, 14, and 27 are independent.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112

The Office Action rejects claims 6-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The Office Action, apparently contending that claim 6 should set forth “the designated subspace” instead of “the designated space”, states:

“[c]laim 6 recites the limitation ‘the designated space’ in lines 2-3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim”.

With this response, Applicants amend claim 6 so as to set forth:

“... further comprising resizing the selected text image of the plurality of text images to fit the designated subspace”
(emphasis added).

No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 6-12, at least with the amendment to claim 6 herewith, are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Office Action rejects independent claims 1, 14, and 27 under 35 U.S.C.

103(a) as being unpatentable over Arora in view of Fisher.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Arora and Fisher, taken individually or in combination, fail, for example, to disclose, teach, or suggest:

“... resizing the selected image to fit the designated subspace of the composite image”

as set forth in each of claims 1, 14, and 27 (emphasis added).

The Office Action, apparently contending the “area for each field” of Arora to be a subspace, argues that the above-identified of claims 1, 14, and 27 is taught by Arora. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Arora instead indicates merely that:

“An area for each field can be sized and dragged to define the layout of each data page in the stacked page”
(see Arora paragraph [0147]; emphasis added).

Applicants note that Arora fails, for instance, to disclose, teach, or suggest resizing a selected image to fit the “area for each field”, and instead discusses merely “siz[ing]” the “area for each field” itself.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 14, and 27, as well as those claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

IV. Dependent Claim Rejections

Applicants do not believe it is necessary at this time to further address the rejections of the dependent claims as Applicants believe that the foregoing places the independent claims in condition for allowance. Applicants, however, reserve the right to further address those rejections in the future should such a response be deemed necessary and

appropriate.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

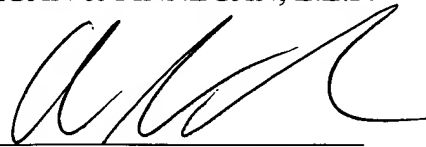
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this submission, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4301-4000. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

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